

## **Photography Tours at the Sacramento NWR Complex – 2011**

Come photograph the concentrations of wintering waterfowl and other wildlife at the Refuges of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex with Refuge Manager Steve Emmons. Whether you're a seasoned or casual nature photographer at the Refuges, these tours are geared to varied interest and skill levels. See schedule below. If you would like more information or to sign up for a tour, call the Sacramento NWR at 530-934-2801 or e-mail us at: [sacramentovalleyrefuges@fws.gov](mailto:sacramentovalleyrefuges@fws.gov). Note: Carpooling to minimize the number of vehicles will be required for those trips indicated below.

### **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Photographing Sacramento Refuge***

**6:00 am ~ 11:00 am – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot.**

Witness the sunrise and morning activities of our winter residents as we capture flocks of thousands of ducks and geese flying onto the Refuge at sunrise. We will concentrate on photographing waterfowl, but come prepared to take scenic and close-up photographs as well. Reservations required, space is limited (20) - sign up early. Carpooling required.



### **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Photographing the Llano Seco Unit***

**7:00 ~ 11:00 am – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot at 7:00 am or at the North Central Valley Wildlife Management Area – Llano Seco Unit parking lot at 7:45 am.**

Photograph sandhill cranes along with ducks, geese and migrating shorebirds. Have your telephoto lens available, but come prepared to take scenic and close-up photographs as well. Reservations required, space is limited (20) – sign up early. Note: If meeting at the Llano Seco Unit, we will be at the parking lot with the

observation platform off Seven Mile Lane, NOT at the Llano Seco Unit of the Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area.

### **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Photographing Sacramento Refuge***

**2:00 pm ~ 6:00 pm – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot.**

Each evening, shortly after sunset, tens of thousands of ducks and geese leave the Refuge all at once to spend the night feeding in nearby rice fields. We will photograph the birds along the auto tour route in the afternoon and set up to photograph the evening spectacle against the sunset sky. Come prepared with telephoto and wide angle lenses. Reservations required, space is limited (20). Carpooling required.



All photos by  
Steve Emmons

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### **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)**

#### ***Photographing Delevan Refuge***

**6:00 am ~ 11:00 am – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot.**

Explore Delevan NWR in our Refuge van during this behind the scene tour. Capture the sunrise as flocks of ducks and geese return to the Refuge. We will concentrate on photographing waterfowl and the sunrise, but come prepared to take scenic and close-up photographs as well. Reservations required, seating is very limited (10) - sign up early.

### **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Photographing Sutter Refuge***

**7:00 ~ 12:00 am – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot.**

Explore Sutter NWR in our Refuge van. Capture waterfowl and other water birds on your camera during this behind the scene expedition. We will concentrate on photographing waterfowl, but come prepared to take scenic and close-up photographs as well. Reservations required, seating is very limited (10) – sign up early. Note: The destination for this trip may change depending on access conditions due to flooding events.

### **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### ***Photographing Colusa Refuge***

**7:00 am ~ 10:00 am – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot.**

Explore Colusa NWR to capture late wintering waterfowl and shorebirds. We will concentrate on photographing waterfowl and shorebirds, but come prepared to take scenic and close-up photographs as well. Reservations required, space is limited (20). Carpooling required.



### **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### ***Photographing Sacramento Refuge***

**7:00 am ~ 10:00 am – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot.**

Explore the vernal pools on the Sacramento NWR. Capture vernal pool wildflowers on your camera. We will concentrate on taking scenic and close-up photographs of flowers. Reservations required, space is limited (20). Carpooling required.